

June 3, 1993

LB 330, 505A, 505, 520

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read record vote as found on page 2765 of the Legislative Journal.) The vote is 26 ayes, 16 nays, 3 present and not voting, 4 excused and not voting.

SPEAKER BAACK: LB 505A does not pass with the emergency clause. We'll now vote on LB 505A without the emergency clause. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read record vote as found on page 2766 of the Legislative Journal.) The vote is 27 ayes, 16 nays, 2 present and not voting, 4 excused and not voting.

SPEAKER BAACK: LB 505A passes. We'll now go to LB 520 with the emergency clause.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion on the desk. Senator Robinson would move to return the bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I'm sure, I don't know if anyone remembers Senator Rasmussen and I tussled a little on LB 520. I don't know if you've been watching the news lately about everything that's been going on in Washington, but they're talking about capping entitlements. In fact our two U.S. Senators have said to get this budget situation cleared on the...taking care of on the national level, we're going to have to...we're going to have to cap entitlements, and they mentioned Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security. And we're talking about increasing Medicaid \$1.5 million on this bill, \$1.5 million. And I just say is that good policy when we know it's going to get capped? I don't think it is. That's all I have to say. I've said it before. But since we went through the debate, at the national level, if you've heard it once, you've heard it several times. I'd just like to make a comment on the thorough discussion we had on 505. I thought it was a great discussion. But, boy, wouldn't it have been great to have that kind of discussion on everything we voted on, on 330, everything in there. Maybe 330 would look a little different. The vigor that Senator Moore and Senator Bernard-Stevens had, boy, weren't they vigorous opposing 505? Isn't it funny that the two leaders of the Appropriations Committee couldn't get up and go through each one of those. But I know how the system works. Everyone gets